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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**PORT TUBE AND CLOSURE COMPOSITION, STRUCTURE AND ASSEMBLY FOR A FLOWABLE MATERIAL CONTAINER**", filed on January 8, 2001, Serial No. 09/756,490.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the Application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) NONE

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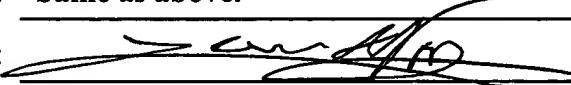
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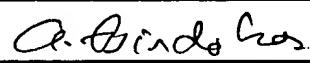
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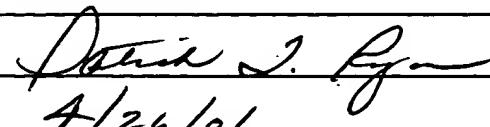
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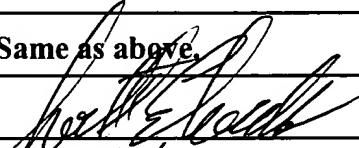
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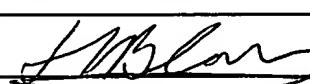
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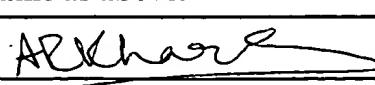
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